GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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COMPENSATION TO BHOPAL GAS VICTIMS
Pathak Shri Brajesh

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families of Bhopal gas victims who have been paid compensation till date;

(b) the number of families under consideration for compensation so far; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):

(a) to (c) Compensation claims have been filed by individual claimants and not by families. In all 10,29,516 claims have been filed under various categories and all the cases have been decided. 5,73,018 claims have been settled and claimants have been awarded a total compensation of Rs. 1542.31 crore. In compliance with the orders of the Hon`ble Supreme Court dated 19th July, 2004, those claimants who have been awarded original compensation (5,73,018) have to be paid additional compensation on pro-rata basis. This process has been started and 1,57,752 claimants have already been paid pro-rata compensation by the Office of the Welfare Commissioner amounting to Rs. 458.88 crore till 21.4.2005. The pro-rata disbursement process has to be completed by 30th April, 2006, in accordance with the orders of the Hon`ble Supreme Court.